(b) S. Venkiteswaran and P. Achyuta Menon were selected. They were the best of the lot.

Over-payments to Contractors.

231. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there were any over-payments to contractors under P. W. D. during the years 1103 and 1104;

(b) if so, who were such contractors, how much excess was paid, and how was the matter finally adjusted in each case ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

Mr. N. O. Inasu

Rs. 177-10-0 { Rs. 52-3-0 in 1103.
" 125-7-0 in 1104.

By recovery from his other bills.

Tenders for the supply of salt.

232. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of persons who submitted tenders for the State supply of salt for the years 1104 and 1105; what are the rates of each of them, to whom was the contract given each year and what was the reason for preference, if any ?

Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 135 of the Legislative Session of 1103.

1105.

Name of tenderer.	Rates per 100 lbs. Jada. Rs.	Barras. Rs.
1. Mohamed Haji Gani of Mattancheri.	79	71
2. Mohamed Ebrahim Mohamed of Jaffer & Co., Bombay.	77/4	67/4
Do. revised	67	
3. V. N. P. Ramaswamy Nadar Virudhu agar.	75 (claimed wastage allowance).	65
4. P. Ouseph Kundukulam Parappur	67	65

The contract was given to Mohamed Ebrahim Mohamed Jaffer and Co., as the samples of his salt were found to be the best and he was believed to be best fitted to perform the contract satisfactorily.

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